



## C.O.P.S. Camp

The Department partners with the Roanoke County Schools and Park, Recreation and Tourism Departments to provide county rising 7th or 8th graders an opportunity to experience an overnight residential camp. 60 campers spent one week with officers, enjoying such activities as high ropes courses, a 44 foot climbing wall, mock crime scenes and mock trials. Campers also canoed on the Spring Hollow Reservoir and learned about archery.



## Rape Aggression Defense

The Department uses RAD certified instructors to teach women techniques of self defense against a sexual assault. Over 150 women have successfully completed the program since August 2002. The program is held once a week for four weeks, each session is three hours long. The RAD program is only for women. The classes are free to women ages 13 and above; students under 18 need parental permission.

If you are interested in learning more about the RAD program you can contact Officer Short at (540) 777-8644 or e-mail [rad@roanokecountyva.gov](mailto:rad@roanokecountyva.gov).

## Child Safety Seat Inspection and Installation

The Department holds child safety seat inspections and installations once a month for citizens. Trained officers are available the first Thursday of each month, from 2:00pm until 4:00pm, at the Hollins Fire and Rescue Department #5 and at the Cave Spring Fire Department #3. For more

information you can contact the Traffic Enforcement Unit at (540) 777-8649.

## VIN Etching

The Roanoke County Police Department purchased its own VIN Etching equipment at the end of December 2005. Prior to this time, we were dependent upon the Virginia State Police to bring their equipment and we simply sponsored the event. By having our own equipment, we are able to schedule many more events at a more convenient time for the citizens of Roanoke County. VIN Etching is a crime prevention program that places the vehicle's identification number on every window of the vehicle. This prevents the VIN plate from being altered on a stolen vehicle because the VIN etched number is placed right around the VIN plate on the vehicle's dash. This makes it easy for a police officer investigating a case to make sure the numbers are the same. The glass is the most expensive part of the vehicle so marking the windows prevents the vehicle being sent to chop shops where a \$20,000.00 vehicle can be stripped and the parts can be sold for \$40,000.00. To date, the Crime Prevention Office has held five VIN etching events and VIN etched 99 vehicles.

